

(a) A person who is serving in this state as a judge or justice of a federal court, as an active judicial officer[,] as defined by Section 411.201, [or] as a district attorney, assistant district attorney, criminal district attorney, assistant criminal district attorney, county attorney, or assistant county attorney, *as a supervision officer as defined by Section 2, Article 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, or as a juvenile probation officer* may establish handgun proficiency for the purposes of this subchapter by obtaining from a handgun proficiency instructor approved by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement for purposes of Section 1702.1675, Occupations Code, a sworn statement that indicates that the person, during the 12-month period preceding the date of the person's application to the department, demonstrated to the instructor proficiency in the use of handguns.

SECTION 2. Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 411.1953 to read as follows:

Sec. 411.1953. REDUCTION OF FEES FOR COMMUNITY SUPERVISION AND CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICERS. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, an applicant who is serving in this state as a supervision officer, as defined by Section 2, Article 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, or as a juvenile probation officer shall pay a fee of \$25 for the issuance of an original or renewed license under this subchapter.

SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a concealed handgun license issued or renewed on or after the effective date of this Act. A concealed handgun license issued or renewed before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect on the date the license was issued or renewed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on April 16, 2015: Yeas 145, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting;
passed by the Senate on May 27, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 2015.

Effective September 1, 2015.

INCREASING PENALTIES FOR DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF THE MANUFACTURE OR DELIVERY OF CERTAIN CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

CHAPTER 1030

H.B. No. 1424

AN ACT

relating to increasing penalties for defendants convicted of the manufacture or delivery of certain controlled substances.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 481.119(a), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person commits an offense if the person knowingly manufactures, delivers, or possesses with intent to deliver a controlled substance listed in a schedule by an action of the commissioner under this chapter but not listed in a penalty group. An offense under this subsection is a Class A misdemeanor, *except that the offense is:*

(1) a state jail felony, if the person has been previously convicted of an offense under this subsection; or

(2) a felony of the third degree, if the person has been previously convicted two or more times of an offense under this subsection.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense commit-

ted on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on May 12, 2015: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1424 on May 29, 2015: Yeas 144, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 27, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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**PROBATE MATTERS, INCLUDING GUARDIANSHIPS AND
OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO INCAPACITATED PERSONS**

CHAPTER 1031

H.B. No. 1438

AN ACT

relating to probate matters, including guardianships and other matters related to incapacitated persons.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 1023.005, Estates Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1023.005. COURT ACTION. ~~[(a)]~~ On hearing an application under Section 1023.003, if good cause is not shown to deny the application and it appears that transfer of the guardianship is in the best interests of the ward, the court shall enter an order:

(1) authorizing the transfer on payment on behalf of the estate of all accrued costs; and

(2) requiring that any existing bond of the guardian must remain in effect until a new bond has been given or a rider has been filed in accordance with Section 1023.010.

~~[(b) In an order entered under Subsection (a), the court shall require the guardian, not later than the 20th day after the date the order is entered, to:~~

~~[(1) give a new bond payable to the judge of the court to which the guardianship is transferred; or~~

~~[(2) file a rider to an existing bond noting the court to which the guardianship is transferred.]~~

SECTION 2. Section 1023.010, Estates Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1023.010. REVIEW OF TRANSFERRED GUARDIANSHIP. (a) Not later than the 90th day after the date the transfer of the guardianship takes effect under Section 1023.007, the court to which the guardianship was transferred shall hold a hearing to consider modifying the rights, duties, and powers of the guardian or any other provisions of the transferred guardianship.

(b) After the hearing described by Subsection (a), the court to which the guardianship was transferred shall enter an order requiring the guardian to:

(1) give a new bond payable to the judge of the court to which the guardianship was transferred; or

(2) file a rider to an existing bond noting the court to which the guardianship was transferred.